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DIRECTOR-GENERAL ELECTION: TOGOLESE ON BOARD TO VOTE FOR  
AMBASSADOR BILL SWING

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Ambassador spoke with Foreign Minister Leopold Gnininvi at a small dinner on June 6 regarding Ambassador Swing,s candidacy as IOM Director General. Gnininvi had just returned from the TICAD Conference in Tokyo.

[1](#)2. (SBU) At Gnininvi,s request, Ambassador followed up with a phone call on June 9. Gnininvi indicated on both occasions that Togo was fully behind Swing,s candidacy and recalled that he had met with Swing on the margins of the last AU summit in Addis.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Ambassador emphasized the importance of Togo having a delegate at the June 18 vote in Geneva, as proxy voting will not be authorized. Gnininvi took note and indicated that the Togolese embassy in Paris would be tasked with representing the GOT at the meeting. He said he would instruct the Foreign Ministry,s Secretary General to follow up. He said he would inform us if there were any changes to this course of action.

[1](#)4. (SBU) Shortly after the Ambassador spoke with the Foreign Minister, Secretary General Kodjo Menan contacted the PolEcon Officer to request a copy of the talking points we had presented to him earlier.

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